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Applicant: George Goicoechea et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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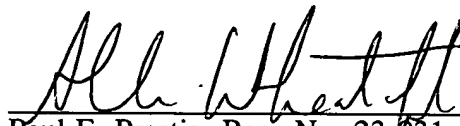
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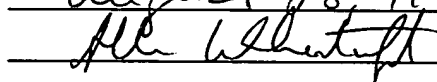
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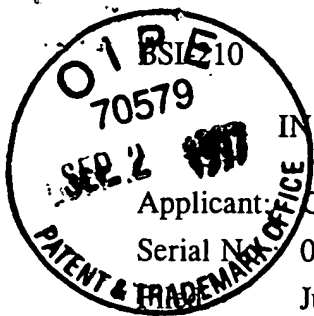
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The applicants hereby petition that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith be considered in the above-identified patent application for which a Final Office Action has been received.

A check for \$130.00, the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1), is submitted herewith.

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